

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) ~~A composition for coating medicines, animal drugs, agricultural chemicals, fertilizers or foods consisting of:~~

~~——a copolymer consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio of 6:4 to 9:1,~~

~~wherein:~~

~~the polymerizable vinyl monomer ~~comprises~~ consists of acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate combined in a weight ratio of 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer, and~~

~~the weight ratio of the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500, the methyl methacrylate and the acrylic acid is 60 to 90: 7 to 38: 0.5 to 12.~~

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently amended) ~~A composition for coating medicines, animal drugs, agricultural chemicals, fertilizers or foods, consisting of:~~

~~——a copolymer consisting of a partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol having an average polymerization degree of 300 to 500 and a polymerizable vinyl monomer in a weight ratio of 6:4 to 9:1,~~

~~wherein the polymerizable vinyl monomer ~~comprises~~ consists of acrylic acid and methyl methacrylate combined in a weight ratio of 3:7 to 0.5:9.5 in the copolymer.~~

15-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently amended) ~~The composition-copolymer~~ according to claim 14, wherein the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol has a hydrolization degree of 60 to 100 mole%.

23-27. (Cancelled)

28. (New) A composition comprising the copolymer of claim 14, and a medicine, animal drug, agricultural chemical, fertilizer or food component.

29. (New) A medicine, an animal drug, an agricultural chemical, a fertilizer or a food, which is coated with the composition according to claim 28.

30. (New) The copolymer according to claim 12, wherein the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohol has a hydrolization degree of 60 to 100 mole%.

31. (New) A composition comprising the copolymer of claim 12, and a medicine, animal drug, agricultural chemical, fertilizer or food component.

32. (New) A medicine, an animal drug, an agricultural chemical, a fertilizer or a food, which is coated with the composition according to claim 31.

33. (New) A binder comprising the copolymer of claim 14.